

Appl. No. 10/689,809  
Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

REMARKS

This Response is responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated April 11, 2005 and, in particular, addresses the Examiner's Amendment contained therein. The set of claims presented herein assumes that the Examiner's Amendment has been entered. Thus, the above amendments to claims 13 and 32 supplement the Examiner's Amendment. The amendments to claims 13 and 32 provide antecedent basis for the recited "ceramic core material" element.

In view of the allowable status of all pending claims, Applicant respectfully requests expedited entry of the above amendments and mailing of a revised Notice of Allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at (480) 385-5060.

If for some reason Applicant has not requested a sufficient extension and/or has not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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